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COMING EVENTS

- May 23 (Thurs.): COLLOQUIUM: Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures. Graduate student **Angela Perez** will speak on "The Canine Motif in Pasternak's Dr. Zhivago," 3:00 pm, 260 Cunz Hall.
- May 29 (Wed.): BROWN BAG DISCUSSION: **George L. Kline**, Professor of Philosophy, Bryn Mawr College, "Soviet Prometheanism and Its Roots in Russian Thought," 12 noon, 260 Cunz Hall. (See details below.)
- May 30 (Thurs.): RUSSIAN TEA: Sponsored by the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures. Open to all faculty and students of Russian. Cunz Hall 300 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Special presentations will be made to the Department's 1991 graduate and undergraduate student award recipients.

LECTURE ON RUSSIAN THOUGHT

Dr. **George L. Kline**, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Russian at Bryn Mawr College, will speak on "Soviet Prometheanism and Its Roots in Russian Thought" at the Brown Bag session on Wednesday, May 29th. The talk will begin at 12 noon in Cunz Hall 260.

Dr. Kline is one of the world's foremost authorities on the history of Russian thought. His extensive publications in the field include the book Religious and Anti-Religious Thought in Russia, many translations of basic source materials, and a large number of scholarly articles. Dr. Kline's work also extends to Russian literature, in which field he is known for (among other things) his English translations of the poetry of Joseph Brodsky, recent winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

NEW VIDEO FOR LOAN

A new videotape has been added to the Center's rental library of videotapes and 16-mm. films. To order or reserve this or other items in our collection, call Maryann Keisel at 614-292-8770. There is no charge for films or tapes picked up at the Center; mail orders will be filled at nominal cost.

1917: revolution in Russia, National Geographic Society, 1988, 28 min. Includes teacher's guide. Intended audience: junior high through adult. Uses rare archival footage to show what prerevolutionary Russia was like and why the revolution occurred; also

introduces key figures including Tsar Nicholas, Lenin, Kerensky, Trotsky, and Stalin.

STUDY PROGRAM AT MOSCOW'S PUSHKIN INSTITUTE

The Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures has announced the receipt of a \$50,000 grant from the United States Department of Education to support continuation in 1991-1992 of the long-standing study abroad program that Ohio State administers on behalf of a consortium of universities including Purdue, Emory, Vanderbilt, and Illinois. The program offers semester or academic-year study of Russian language at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow. The government grant provides substantial reductions in the overall program cost for the participating students.

Three Ohio State students who will be taking part in the program during the Autumn semester, 1991--**David Ashcraft, Robert Bradley, and William Bulson**--have also been awarded Lawler Scholarships of \$1,000 each. These scholarships are funded by a generous gift to the Center for Slavic and East European Studies from Mr. Malcolm M. Lawler, an Ohio State alumnus who has traveled extensively in the USSR.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. E. GORDON GEE, Ohio State's President, will make Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union the destinations of his first international trip on behalf of the University. During the week of August 4-11, Dr. Gee will visit Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia in connection with OSU international projects either already underway or in the planning stage in each of those countries. On August 12 he will join an Ohio State alumni group for a two-week tour of the Soviet Union, during which he will conduct University business in both Moscow and Leningrad.

Prof. SALVATORE IMBROGNO of the College of Social Work was selected as senior exchange scholar in the Department of Sociology, Moscow State University under the auspices of the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA). While in Moscow this summer, Dr. Imbrogno will be concurrently engaged in a comparative joint research project on family policy and practices with the Institute of Sociology, USSR Academy of Sciences.

DENIS KISELYOV, a Soviet graduate student in OSU's Department of Economics, is serving as a consultant to MUCIA, which has its headquarters at Ohio State. In that capacity Mr. Kiselyov is serving as MUCIA's liaison with the USSR in connection with the consortium's activities. He is also working to facilitate study by Soviet students at American universities through the establishment of "The American Network of Soviet Students in Social Sciences" at MUCIA. The Network publishes a Newsletter in Russian and has also prepared a helpful Russian-language "Student Guide"--a printed booklet designed to initiate the Soviet student into the mysteries of

stipends, checking accounts, credit cards, medical insurance, and other essentials of American student life. For further information, contact Denis Kiselyov at MUCIA, 66 15th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201, telephone (614) 291-9646.

ELIZABETH WALKER, an undergraduate Work-Study student for the Slavic Department and the Slavic Center, will spend twelve weeks this summer working in two orphanages in Moscow, as part of a program sponsored by the "International Families" organization. At the orphanages she will continue her own study of developmental psychology (with special attention to such problems as fetal alcoholism syndrome) as well as assisting the Soviet staff in caring for pre-school and infant children. She will also take part in compiling assessments for adoptions. Ms. Walker is currently seeking donations of new or used small toys, games, and stuffed animals to take to the orphanages. Contributions may be dropped off at the Slavic Center by June 7.

STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study in Eastern Europe, 1992-1993. Applications will be considered from well-qualified graduate students in all fields, provided that projects are possible in Bulgarian, Czech or Slovak, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, or Yugoslav institutions of higher education or using archival sources in these countries.

Short-term grants of up to two months are available to the U.S.S.R. in the creative and performing arts only.

These grants are available to U.S. citizens who will hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning date of the grant, and who do not hold the Ph.D. at the time of application. The grants provide support to meet normal scholarship expenses for a single person for one academic year. A small maintenance allowance for dependents is provided for Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania. Knowledge of the local language commensurate with the proposed study is required. Candidates should be fluent in Polish for studies in drama. In Romania, French is a useful second language around Bucharest and Iasi, as are German and Hungarian in Transylvania, especially at the University of Cluj. In Czechoslovakia, Czech or Slovak suitable for the proposed study or research by the beginning date of the grant is required. Language study abroad is available in some cases.

Specific eligibility requirements, information on deadlines, benefits, etc., may be obtained from the campus Fulbright Program Adviser--James M. Siddens, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School (telephone 292-6031).

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

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May 22-24, 1991. 7th Biennial Conference on the Non-Slavic Languages of the USSR, at the University of Chicago, sponsored by the Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies and the Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago, H.I. Aronson/B, J. Darden, Dept. of Linguistics, U. of Chicago, 1010 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637; E-MAIL: HIA5@TANK.UCHICAGO.EDU.

May 25, 1991. The 5th Conference on the Cultures of Caucasia, at the University of Chicago, sponsored by the Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies, University of Chicago. Topics include folklore, literature, art, music, ethnography, history, political science, economics, and sociology. Howard I. Aronson, Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies, U. of Chicago, 1010 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637; (312) 702-8522; E-mail: HIA5@TANK.UCHICAGO.EDU.

May 25-26, 1991. Graduate student Conference in Greek and Turkish Modernisms in Literature and Allied Arts at The Ohio State University. For more information, please call the Department of JaNELL at (614) 292-9255 or (614) 221-9752.

June 13-16, 1991. 11th Conference on Baltic Studies in Scandinavia at Stockholm University, with a general theme on Scandinavia and the Baltic. Lennart Frick, Chair, Conference on Baltic Studies in Scandinavia, Baltiska Institutet, Virebergsvagan 18, S-171 40, Solna, Sweden, Tel. 08/730/07 06; FAX: 730 07 09.

August 8-15, 1991. The 18th Annual International Congress of Byzantine Studies, in Moscow. The Congress will focus on relations between the Byzantines and the Slavs, particularly Rus'. Prof. George Majeska, President, US National Committee, Dept. of History, U. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

November 1-2, 1991. *Call for Papers.* The 30th annual meeting of the Central Slavic Conference, (AAASS Regional Affiliate), at Oklahoma State University. Contact: Joel Jenswold, Dept. of Political Science, Oklahoma State U., Stillwater, OK, 74078.

November 1-2, 1991. The 15th Annual Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and Literatures will be held at Youngstown State University. Foreign Language Conference, Dept. of Foreign Languages, Youngstown, State U., Youngstown, OH 44555; (216) 742-3461.

November 22-25, 1991. The 23rd National Convention of the AAASS, hosted by the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, will be held in Miami, Florida. The meeting will have two special themes: Soviet & East European Studies in Latin America; and Soviet & East European Relations with Latin America.

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March 26-28, 1992. Meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (AAASS Regional Affiliate), Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL. Josephine Woll, German-Russian Dept.,

Howard U., Washington, DC 20059.

April 2-4, 1992. *Call for Papers.* At Harvard University a **Conference on Peasant Society and Culture in Eastern Europe** will be hosted by the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute. Although a wide range of proposals for papers will be considered, the emphasis will be on proposals derived from fieldwork (including anthropology, folklore, ethnomusicology, rural sociology, ethnochoreography). The conference theme is interdisciplinary and is intended to bring together scholars who have either conducted fieldwork or have knowledge of the long history of fieldwork in this area. While papers are to be presented in English, the conference hosts will provide translators for discussions in Russian, Ukrainian, Polish and some other languages. Abstracts of approximately 250 words should be postmarked no later than **September 10, 1991**. Please address proposals and inquiries to: Dr. William Noll, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, 1583 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138; telephone (617) 496-8768 or 495-4053; FAX 617-495-8097.

April 22-25, 1992. *Call for Papers and Panels.* The **Rocky Mountain Slavic Association** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting in conjunction with the Western Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas. For information, contact: Christopher Kuehl, Dept. of Business and Economics, Baker U., Baldwin City, KS 66006; (913) 594-6451, ext. 541.

May 1-3, 1992. *Call for Panels and Papers.* The **Midwest Slavic Conference** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) will hold its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by Ohio State University. The National Hilandar Conference will run concurrently. Papers and panels on all topics and from all disciplines are welcome, especially on the theme, "Five Hundred Years after the Year 7000 (1492)." Send proposals by **December 16, 1991**, to Eve Levin, Conference Director, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, Ohio State University, 344 Dulles Hall 230 West 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210-1311.

June 18-20, 1992. *Call for Papers.* The **50th Anniversary Congress of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America** will be held in New Haven, CT. Topics include Polish history, culture, and civilization, with special emphasis on Poland in its European context, the origins and evolution of democratic thought, and the Polish communities abroad. Send proposals by **September 1, 1991**, to: M.B. Birkupski, Inst. for Polish Studies, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY 14618.

August 2-8, 1992. **Annual Meeting of the Society for Romanian Studies** (AAASS Affiliate) and the International Congress of Romanian Studies, at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY. Send recommendations and proposals to Program Chair Prof. Mary Ellen Fischer, Skidmore College, Department of Government, Saratoga Springs 12866, NY, or to SRS Secretary-Editor Prof. Paul E. Michelson, Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana 46750.

November 1-2, 1992. **The 15th Annual Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and Literatures** will be held at Youngstown State University. The committee is soliciting proposals for either workshops (2½ hours), or other presentations (50 minutes or 30 minutes), on topics related to the teaching of foreign languages. Foreign Language Conference, Dept. of Foreign Languages, Youngstown State U., Youngstown, OH 44555; (216) 742-3461.

November 19-22, 1992. **The 24th National Convention of the AAASS**, hosted by the Western

Slavic Association, will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, at the Sheraton and Hyatt Regency hotels. Deadline for proposals: **January 1, 1992**. Contact Stephen Batalden, Chair, Russian & East European Studies Consortium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287.

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September 1994. **The Seventh Congress of the International Association for Southeast European Studies (AIESEE)** will be held in Athens or Rhodes, Greece. Themes: the rural universe and the evolution of village communal structures; Balkan cooperation in retrospective and prospective; unity and diversity in Southeast European popular cultures in modern times; is there a "Balkan mentality"?--the evidence of written culture and figurative language; Hellenisms, the influence of Latin, and Turkism in the Balkan languages; original semantics and the evolution of meanings; Byzantine hagiography and the importance of this literary genre for the cultural history of Southeastern Europe; Byzantine influence on the laws of the Balkan peoples; women in the economies of Southeastern Europe after the First World War; the unifying role of artistic activities in Southeastern Europe in the 14th-19th centuries; and national traditions and Byzantine music in the 14th-19th centuries. In order to plan for American participation in the Congress, all those interested should send a title and one-page abstract (one-inch margins) to arrive no later than **1 October, 1991**. At the top, flush with the left margin, please give the following information on separate lines: name, affiliation, topic under which the proposal falls, title of proposal and whether you wish for it to be considered as a report or communication. At present, it appears that the deadlines for receipt of completed papers by the American committee will be late in 1992 or early 1993. If you have an inquiry, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Write: U.S. National Committee of AIESEE, c/o The Department of Slavic Languages, CB# 3165 Dey Hall, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3165.



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